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REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES
DIRECTOR

August 18, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition
Tahquamenon Falls State Park – Chippewa County
The Galloway Creek Tract
Land Transaction Case #20080054

Purchase Price: 77.18 acres – \$60,000.00

Description: Chippewa County, Whitefish Township, T48N, R06W, Section 28, the East ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 28, except the right-of-way for M-123.
Containing 77.18 acres, more or less.

Seller: Robert C. and Brenda M. Mason, Webberville, Michigan

Option Expires: October 21, 2008

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) September 2, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 9, 2008.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located within the dedicated boundary of Tahquamenon Falls State Park. The parcel is bounded on the north and east by State-owned land. This acquisition will help to consolidate the Department's ownership and aid in the implementation of management practices at Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

The property is 77.18 acres of vacant, generally level land covered in conifer forest with pockets of northern hardwoods. About 1/3 of the property is forested wetland. Galloway Creek flows from west to east across the southerly portion of the property. Galloway Creek is navigable by canoe and kayak all the way from the subject property eastward to Lake Superior.

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The parcel to be acquired has frontage on M-123 which cuts across the northwest corner of the parcel. Access is gained via a two-track road which proceeds easterly onto the parcel from the M-123 frontage.

The purchase will include mineral rights owned by the seller.

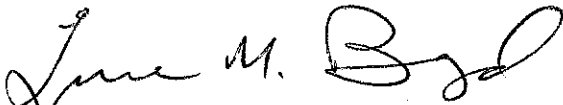
Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Inland Waterways Access Initiative funds, as contained in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



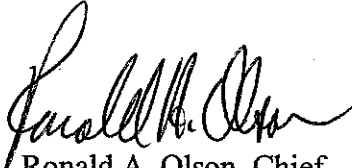
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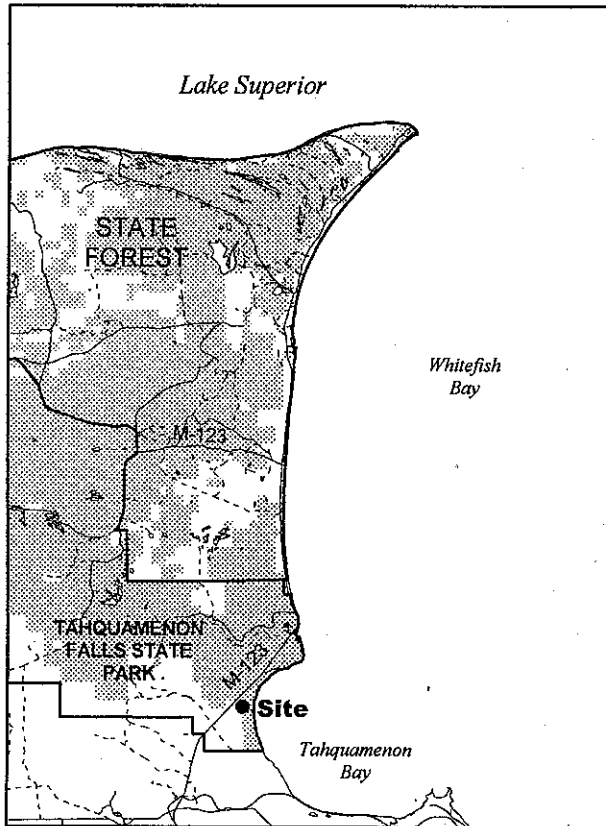
Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

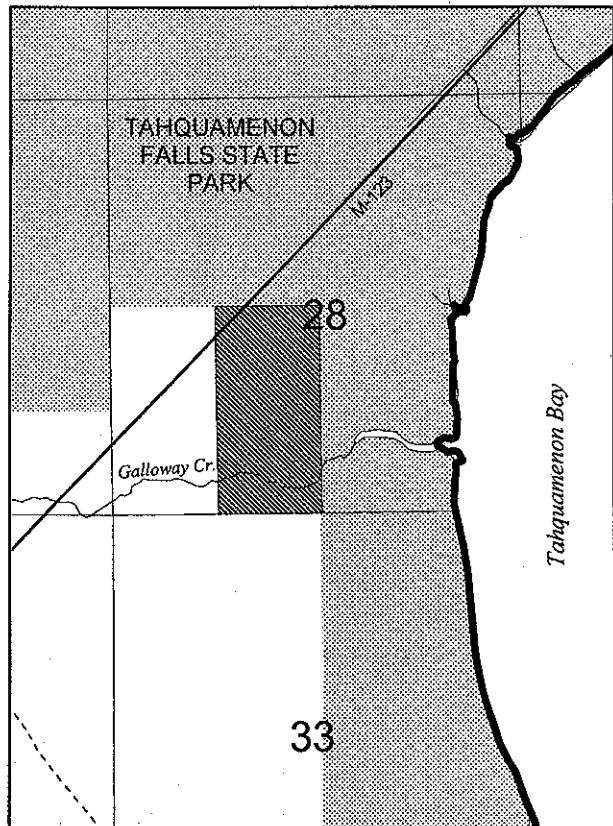
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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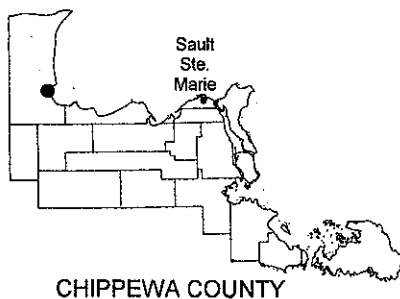


Regional Location



Section 28, T48N, R06W, Whitefish Township

- State Park or State Forest Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR (77.18 acres - \$60,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



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